



**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** June, 14 2020

East Mill Creek Project-Notice of Objection Opportunity

Dear Forest Stakeholder:

I have prepared the Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the East Mill Creek Project. Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA), my pending decision is to implement proposed action identified in the EA. The EA, Draft Decision Notice and FONSI are available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ouachita/landmanagement/projects> or upon request from the Mena Ranger District Office.

This decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B. Objections for this project, including any attachments or supporting documentation, will be accepted for 45 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of the legal notice in the paper of record (*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*). The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and that those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another other source.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities §218.8(c). The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with: Troy Heithhecker, Forest Supervisor, by one of the following methods: mail—Ouachita National Forest, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902; facsimile—501-321-5353; or email—[objections-southern-ouachita@usda.gov](mailto:objections-southern-ouachita@usda.gov). Objections submitted by email must be in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections at 100 Reserve Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), in Hot Springs are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please put “*Objections to East Mill Creek Project*” in the subject line.

For further information on this pending decision, contact Jade Ryles, Mena Ranger District 1603 Hwy 71 N Mena, AR 71953; phone 479-394-2382; e-mail [cjryles@usda.gov](mailto:cjryles@usda.gov).

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of your National Forest.

*/s/ Tim Oosterhous*

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